

AMERICANS AGAIN SMASH GERMAN GAS PROJECTORS; FOIL THREATENED ATTACK

Four New Groups Found by Aviators and Destroyed

by Artillery Fire.

FOE'S GUNS QUIETED

**Ammunition Dumps Back
of Teuton Lines Blown**

Up by Shells.

OUR BARRAGE PERFECT

**Many U. S. Troops in Recent
Raid Did Not See**

Single Enemy.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 14—(10 P. M.)—
American troops in the Luneville sector have occupied and are holding enemy trenches northwest of Badonviller.

The trenches have been consolidated with ours. This, though a small forward movement, marks the first permanent advance by the American army in France.

The Germans made only feeble attempts to retake the position, but each time were repulsed.

By the Associated Press.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 12 (delayed).—Four groups of German gas projectors, in addition to the group of 200 projectors already reported

destroyed, have been discovered and likewise blown to pieces by the American artillery, which continues its smashing destruction. Probable German plans for a gas attack on a comparatively large scale against the American positions northwest of Toul thus have been upset.

The new groups of projectors were discovered from aerial photographs taken by American observers in French airplanes. The effective action taken against

The American artillery on this front has been more active than ever in the last fifteen hours, and its shells also found lodgment in a number of ammunition dumps, which were blown up. Many extensive explosions are reported.

The Associated Press correspondent, standing on a hill, witnessed one dump situated in a wood go up in a brilliant

hash and a great puff of whitish smoke, a tremendous report following a few seconds later. Explosions and fires also were caused by our shells in villages and a number in the woods behind the enemy front.

Silence German Batteries.

During a retaliatory shelling for an enemy bombardment in which a number of gas shells fell on our battery positions the American guns silenced certain

German batteries by pouring in a fast and extremely accurate fire. Our artillerymen stayed in their dugouts until the gas shells began to fall, when they put on their masks and manned the guns while thus protected. Some mustard gas shells were mixed with the others that fell and later a few of our men walked through this type of gas without their masks on.

Details of the recent raid, which have been developed, show that while the Germans were killed by shell fire while the box barrage was being effected and others later by the creeping barrage, a few of the enemy were shot while in the trenches. There were many men who were in the trenches during the time our men were in the trenches, forcing the enemy virtually to abandon them.

Americans among the raiding party of four officers and seventy men, who did not see a single German soldier. All the men in the raid seemed particularly impressed with the way the American barrage worked.

"It worked like a clock," said one soldier whose home is in Texas. "It made you feel you could go right on to Berlin behind it. The only trouble about this show was we didn't see

enough of Fritz. He must have beat it like a rabbit, because I did not see a single one all the way back to the second line, although some of the other fellows did."

Five Known Enemy Dead.

The men went in 150 yards on a 1000 yard front. None of the Americans was killed and none is missing. It is certain that five Germans were killed in the

Both the Laneville sector and that of Toul have been much occupied with snipers to-day, as well as last night. In the former sector one sniper was detected in a tree after a period in

One of the American sharpshooters crawled cautiously to a vantage point in front of No Man's Land and opened up on him. The second shot hit the German, whose body dropped to the enemy's wire, where it hung for the rest of the day.

Northwest of Toul rifle fire and hand grenades dislodged a German from a sniper's post in a shell hole and also silenced the enemy in a machine gun emplacement on the front line.

**FAMED SIXTY-NINTH
WINS HONOR ABROAD**

French General Raises It and Rainbow Division.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
WASHINGTON, March 14.—Not only is New York's gallant Sixty-ninth fighting